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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: KOREAN ISSUE

REF: MANILA 14539

1. AT OUR URGING, JAPANESE AMBASSADOR SAWAKI CALLED ON
DFA ACTING SECRETARY COLLANTES OCTOBER 16 TO PRESS ON
KOREAN ISSUE. AMBASSADOR STRESSED NEED FOR POSITIVE VOTE
ON PROCEDURAL QUESTION AND FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND
MADE PARTICULAR PITCH FOR NEGATIVE VOTE ON UNFRIENDLY
RESOLUTION. COLLANTES APPARENTLY RATHER MONOSYLLABIC
DURING CONVERSATION BUT GAVE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR IMPRESSION
THAT GOP FAVORABLY COMMITTED ON FIRST TWO ITEMS, BUT NOT
REPEAT NOT FIRM ON THIRD POINT.

2. COMMENT: JAPANESE HAVE ALL ALONG BEEN VERY SKEPT-
CALL THAT GOP WOULD BE FIRM SUPPORTER OF SOUTH KOREA
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VIEW THEIR SUPPOSITION GOP CONTEMPLATING OPENING OF

RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA NEXT YEAR. WHETHER JAPANESE EMBASSY'S INTERPRETATION OF COLLANTES' MURMURS REFLECTS ITS OWN ASSUMPTION OF FILIPINO UNHELPFULNESS ON THIS ISSUE OR IS OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

3. JAPANESE EMBASSY HERE PRESUMABLY REFLECTING REPORTING FROM NEW YORK AND POSSIBLY TOKYO, HAS BEEN FAIRLY BEARISH ON OUTCOME OF VOTING IN UN. IT IS INCLINED BELIEVE THAT UNFRIENDLY RESOLUTION HAS GOOD CHANCE OF TAKING PRECEDENCE OVER FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. IF THIS HAPPENS, EMBASSY ARGUES THAT AMENDMENT TO SUCH RESOLUTION WOULD TAKE PRIORITY OVER VOTING AND AT THAT STAGE IT WOULD BE TIMELY TO ADVANCE ASEAN RESOLUTION AS AMENDMENT. EMBASSY CONSIDERS ASEAN RESOLUTION QUITE USEFUL WITH EXCEPTION ONE OR TWO POINTS. WE PASS THIS ON AS POSSIBLE INDICATION OF GOJ'S END GAME ON KOREAN ISSUE AT UNGA.
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